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CHINO AIRPORT

The following items came before the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors during their September 25th meeting:

- The Board presented Dr. George Bloch with a resolution congratulating him for being named Administrator of the Year for the State of California by the Association of California School Administrators. Dr. Bloch is the Superintendent of the Chino Valley Unified High School District.

“I am honored to present Dr. Bloch with this resolution recognizing him for a truly tremendous achievement,” said Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar. “His efforts on behalf of the students in the school district are to be commended and are a great source of pride for our community.”

- The Board awarded a \$5,157,205.25 contract to Vance Corporation of Rialto to relocate Taxiway C and D at the Chino Airport. Five bids were submitted for the project, and Vance Corporation submitted the lowest one. In 1996, the county constructed a 7,000 foot runway at the airport. As part of that project many improvements on and around the airport have been made, including a widening of Euclid Avenue to mitigate traffic congestion due to the permanent closure of Grove Avenue when the new runway was constructed. A new taxiway was also constructed and two already existing taxiways were relocated and reconstructed. The relocation of Taxiway C and D is the final phase of the construction project and will bring all taxiways up to the Federal Aviation Administration’s recommended strength and runway separations for the class of planes that operate at Chino Airport.

“I am pleased the project has reached this final phase and that upon its completion all taxiways at the Chino Airport will be in accordance with the FAA’s recommended standards,” commented Supervisor Aguiar.

- Approval was given for a \$260,700 consultant agreement with Coffman Associates, Inc. for the Chino Airport Master Plan Update. The last update occurred in 1986 and the current plan is outdated due to economic, social, and demographic changes in the region. An updated plan will provide the county and the FAA with a blueprint for future development and financing of the airport.

“This update will allow the Board to be proactive, rather than reactive, in making well-informed decisions with regard to future planning at Chino Airport,” noted Aguiar.

- A contract in the amount of \$184,500 was awarded to Laird Construction Co., Inc. to make improvements on various roads in the unincorporated areas of the Fourth District. Five bids were received for the project, and Laird Construction submitted the lowest one.

“This will allow for important road improvements to be made in the West Valley,” said Supervisor Aguiar.

- The Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District requested that the Board of Supervisors appoint someone to fill two vacancies that exist on the Conservation District’s Board of Directors. Today, as a result of that request, the Board of Supervisors appointed Cheryl Karns-Avent of Upland and Fred Nelsen of Ontario to the seats. They will fill the remainder of unexpired terms ending on November 26, 2004.

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